

# TreeLink News Bulletin

## In the works



Common Hawthorn  
*Crataegus monogyna*

The Common Hawthorn, or Single-seeded Hawthorn for those who know Latin, is a deciduous tree with three-lobed leaves and white flower clusters in the late spring. The leaves are a glossy dark green, and have hairs in the vein axils. With a broadly spreading shape and orange-brown bark, the common hawthorn grows to 35 feet in height. This species is a native of Europe, and is found in woods and thickets.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**  
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Now that we have been treated to a beautiful start to fall, it's time to prepare for winter weather! Forecasters are predicting another La Nina, so be ready for a cold, wet and windy winter. Now is the time to get large trees pruned and prepared! Be sure to have any dead, decayed or diseased branches removed to prevent failure. Also, be sure to have your trees inspected to identify and eliminate hazards. Remember, all work should be done by an ISA Certified Arborist, and trees should NEVER be topped! This is also the time to replenish the organic mulch around your trees. Mulch protects root systems from harsh winter temperatures and provides necessary nutrients in the spring. Remember to keep the organic materials 4-6 inches from the trunk to prevent crown rot and insect damage. For additional information on pruning or mulching, call the TreeLink Hotline. Enjoy! -Sarah

## Hazard Tree Policy Development Workshop

Natural Path Forestry Consultants, Inc. will be holding two workshops on Hazard Tree Policy Development in the Northwest. The first will be held at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon, on November 16, 1999, and the second will be at the Washington Park Arboretum in Seattle, Washington, on November 18, 1999. This proactive workshop will discuss risk theory, development and implementation of hazard tree risk management programs, and outline strategies for defending policies in court. There will also be hands-on exercises to aid in policy development. Call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE for registration information.

## Professional Landscape Technician Seminar

Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP) and the WSU Cooperative Extension are co-sponsoring the Professional Landscape Technician Seminar Series. The topic for November is "Pesticide & Fertilizers". Carrie Foss, of the WSU Cooperative Extension, is the instructor. The seminar will be held at three locations: November 3, 1999, at the Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood; November 10, 1999, at the City of Bellevue Parks Department Winter's House; and on November 17, 1999, at the WSU Snohomish County Education Center in Everett. Registration must be in one week prior to the seminar, and registration information is available by calling Marlene Allen at (425) 357-6019 or the TreeLink Hotline.

## NUCFAC's 2000 Challenge Cost-Share Grant

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) requests pre-proposals for the 2000 Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. There is approximately \$1 million in grant funds available, and requests of all amounts will be considered. Grant pre-proposals are due (not just postmarked) by December 14, 1999. All pre-proposals will be reviewed by February 14, 2000, and finalists will be asked to submit more detailed, full proposals by April 4, 2000. The awards will be made by June 12, 2000, and grantees will have two years to complete their projects. Detailed information on the grant program, NUCFAC priorities, application procedures, grant categories, selection criteria, and other pertinent information can be found on the NUCFAC website at <http://www.treelink.org/connect/orgs/nucfac/index.htm>, or by calling Suzanne M. del Villar at (209) 536-9201 or via email at [delvr@lodelink.com](mailto:delvr@lodelink.com). Information is also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

## WCFC Y2K Project Germinating in Index

The Washington Community Forestry Council (WCFC) has begun planning a Millennium Tree Planting Project to commemorate the new Millennium! Their goal is to see a tree planted in every school yard in Washington State on Arbor Day 2000 (April 12, 2000). Along with those trees, there will be others available for planting in every district across Washington to add up to 2000 new trees planted. What a wonderful way to welcome the Millennium, and to ensure that there are trees for the future generations to enjoy! Those interested in the project are encouraged to attend the WCFC meeting on December 8, in Index. Please call the TreeLink Hotline for more information.

## Storm Recovery Kit Available Online

The National Arbor Day Foundation has a guide to help cities recover from storms, and it is available online at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org). The guide includes articles on saving damaged trees, "arborist" scam warnings, reducing future damage risks, community tree values, and much more valuable information. Please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE with questions.

## In the works (continued)

The materials of city planning are: sky, space, trees, steel, and cement; in that order and that hierarchy.

-LeCorbusier, Swiss  
Architect

## Picks and Shovels

**TRIVIA: How many toothpicks can be made from 1,000 board feet of wood?**

(answer is upside down below)

## On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington state.

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## ISA Continuing Education Workshop

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Oregon Department of Forestry Urban and Community Forestry Program are sponsoring "Managing Trees and Sidewalks" on December 2, 1999, at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon. This one day workshop will look at tree and sidewalk conflicts and how they can be avoided. Register by November 15, 1999, to be eligible for discount. For registration information, contact Paul Ries at (503) 585-4285, Scott Palmondon at (503) 945-7391, or the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## Urban Initiative Grant Deadline Approaching

The Washington State Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program is excited to announce the availability of \$90,000 in a new grant program designed to assist cities with population's greater than 35,000 people with urban forestry projects. The maximum grant for any city is \$30,000, and the minimum is \$20,000. All grant funds must be matched on a one-to-one basis. All it takes to apply is a one page application form, a one-page project description, and an estimate of the project budget. **Application deadline is November 18, 1999.** Additional information or necessary forms are available by calling the U&CF at 1-800-523-8733.

## *Trees and Development, a Technical Guide to Preservation of Trees During Land Development.*

**By Nelda Matheny and James R. Clark.** This 180+ page book was written to assist development, design, and engineering professionals, and arborists in preserving trees during land development. Chapters include tree biology, evaluating trees as a resource, evaluating the impacts of trees, minimizing impacts, post-construction management, preparing reports and plans, and others. The appendices also include a list of tree species and their responses to development impacts.

**"Locust Borers Zeroing in on Tri-City Black Locust Trees."** In this article from the July, 18, 1999, *Tri-City Herald*, Marianne Ophardt discusses the problems eastern Washington cities are facing due to the Locust Borer infestation. For a copy of the article, please call the TreeLink Hotline.

**Benefit-Cost Analysis of Modesto's Municipal Urban Forest.** E. Gregory McPherson, James R. Simpson, Paula J. Pepper, and Qingfu Xiao. *Journal of Arboriculture* 25(5): 235-248. September 1999. Look for it at your local library under periodicals, or call the TreeLink Hotline.

## November

- 4-5 Wood in Transportation Conference at the Arbor Day Farm, Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. Early registration is due before October 20. For more information, please contact the National Arbor Day Foundation at 1-888-448-7337 or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.
- 8-9 Restoring Native Ecosystems Conference at the Arbor Day Farm. Early Registration rates apply until October 25. For more information, call the NADF or the TreeLink Hotline.
- 13 ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Portland, OR. Call PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285 or email at [pnwisa@teleport.com](mailto:pnwisa@teleport.com) for more information
- 16 Hazard Tree Policy Workshop at the World Forestry Center in Portland, OR. Contact Natural Path Forestry Consultants at (406) 721-3263, for more information.
- 19 WALP Environmental Awards Banquet in Vancouver, WA at the Heathman Lodge. For more information, please contact WALP at 1-800-833-2186.
- 20 Apple Cup, Seattle.

## December

- 2 "Managing Trees and Sidewalks." World Forestry Center, Portland, OR. Contact Paul Ries at (503) 585-4285 or Scott Palmondon at (503) 945-7391.
- 8 Washington Urban Forestry Council Meeting in Index, WA. Call the TreeLink Hotline for more information at 1-800-523-8733.